

Mathis House
Rockport, Texas.

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MATHIS HOUSE
Rockport, Aransas County, Texas.

Present Owner: Mrs. Mildred Mathis

Date of Erection: 1870

Architect: John Mathis

Builder: John Mathis

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Brick, cypress, Florida heart pine.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This seven room house faces east, was built about eight feet above the ground and supported on an arched brick foundation. The roof is hipped and is still covered with the original slate. Included in the most interesting architectural features are an Italian ebony mantelpiece on the fireplace in the Northeast room, unusual door and window trim, square fluted columns, exterior cornice, door paneling and other similar wood-work features. Materials of construction were imported from Florida; the craftsmen were imported from the East.

Mr. Mathis was one of the original partners of the Coleman-Mathis-Pulton Cattle Company of Rockport. Their property consisted of 160,000 acres, later known as the Taft Ranch. The company shipped as many as seven boat loads of cattle weekly from Rockport, which was a natural deep-water port.

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